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From

Sri U. Parameshwara,
Kasaragod,
P.O. Kasaragod, South
Kanara.

To

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P. W. Dept. C.O. Action is being taken to submit the reports relating to Fisheries Dept., on another copy of the petition received in this Dept.

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Memo No.40658-S/55-2 Dt. 11-7-55

Sub: Erosion - South Kanara District - Kasaragod and Adakathabail village - Chandragiri river - Cutting open of bar.

Ref: From Sri U. Parameshwara, dated 12.5.1955.

Sri U. Parameswara is informed that the excavation of the Chandragiri bar was done to a width of 10 feet and that further work was stopped due to rough waves of the sea. It was also reported that the bar which moved northwards in 1953 did not move further to the north but had moved towards the south and that there was no danger to any coconut topes situated at the northern side being affected by the floods. As the bar was moving towards the south it was considered that the moving of the bar had reached its maximum limit to the north and hence it was receding to the south, which is a natural phenomenon in the coastal region and that there was no necessity for incurring further expenditure on this account. However the situation will be watched and necessary action to protect the fishermen's cottages taken if the situation warrants.

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Agriculture may see the case before the issue of draft Memo.

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Agri(Co) Dept.

The works of P.W Dept on P1-2 above and the draft Memo below may be perused and the file returned to P.W Dept. They may be requested to circulate this case to F.C.(A) also

Agri.(Co) No 54045-C11/55-1
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AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
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The file may be circulated to M.(W.) and M.(A.) ~~for information.~~

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